

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.87
<b>Historic Name:</b>	
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	1580 Massasoit Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	North Eastham
<b>Local No:</b>	04-220
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1920
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Secondary Dwelling House; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Recreation
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood



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Assessor's  
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Town

Eastham



neighborhood or village)

1580 Massasoit Road

Local Name

Present

Residential

Original

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Construction

Early 20th C.

Visual Assessment and  
See Bibliography\*

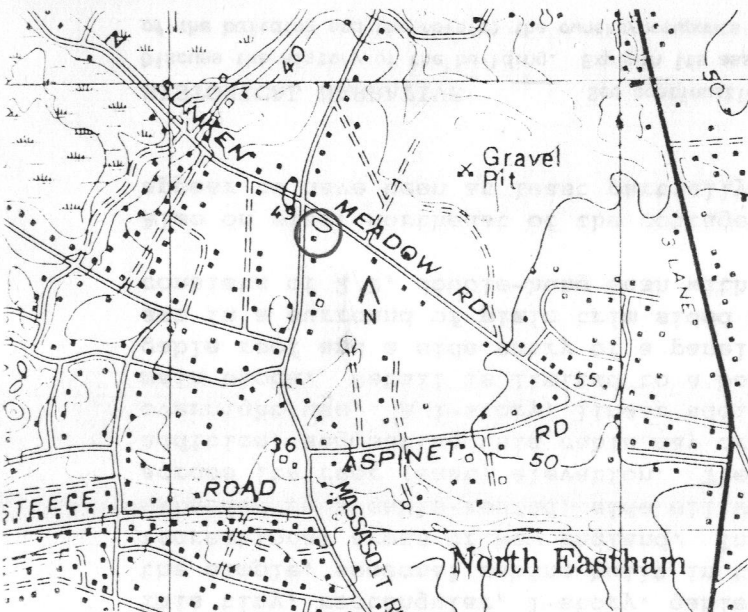
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Astylistic

Architect/Builder

Construction Material:

here. Indicate North.



Foundation

Not Visible

Wall/Trim

Shingles

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures  
Free-standing, shed/cottage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage

.55 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,  
rural area on the southeast corner of  
North Sunken Meadow and Massasoit Roads.

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Organization: Commonwealth Collaborative

Date: August 1995

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## BUILDING FORM

1580 Massasoit Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This tiny, rectangular, 1-story, gable-end, 2 x 2-bay cottage is typical of the simple, seasonal cabins built in the early twentieth-century throughout recreational areas of New England. In this case, the main block has been expanded by a gable-roofed, side ell with a full-width, shed-roofed addition across its rear (east) elevation. The chimney is located on the roof of this addition, suggesting this cabin may originally have not been meant for overnight use. A 1-story, linear addition also exists to the rear of the main block. Detail is limited to a boxed, projecting cornice on the shallow, gable roof and a side entry of a paneled, wooden cottage door with 4-lights set in a surround of plain trim sided by ladder-like trellises. Fenestration consists of 2/2, double-hung sash with plain trim.

Also on site, northeast of the cottage is a modern gable-roofed shed which appear to have been at least partially converted to residential space.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Massasoit Road was developed during the Federal Period (1775-1830). By the end of the Federal Period, Methodists had established a campground near Campground Road off Massasoit Road. This center for summer religious retreats lasted from 1830 to 1862 when the camp moved to Yarmouth. By 1831, one of Eastham's five schools and many residences were located on Massasoit Road.

It is likely that many of the residents were involved in agriculture. Grains were an early cash crop in Eastham and later, asparagus and turnips became more common. Husbandry and fishing were also important sources of income for Massasoit Road residents. By 1901, at least seven farmers were living on Massasoit Road. There were also a clerk, lighthouse keeper, laborer and a grocer. A provisions store was located on the corner of Oak and Massasoit Roads. By the twentieth century, the road had become an important way from Orleans through Eastham to Wellfleet. Seasonal residents had begun building summer homes and cottages by the Early Modern Period.

The cabin at 1580 Massasoit Road is one of these summer cottages built in Eastham as transportation facilities and road systems improved and use of the automobile expanded. No research, data or house file exists for this property at the Eastham Historical Society Archives. This cabin is not represented on the 1907 map of Eastham. Deed research will be necessary to obtain more information on the property.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☒ See continuation sheet.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

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## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

from which the assessors date is taken is unknown. Based on appearances, the date of 1928 seems reasonable. This bungalow house is typical of the minor amount of construction that occurred in Eastham in the early twentieth century. Since the only Directory for the Town of Eastham dates to 1901, no identification of the original or subsequent owners was possible using readily-available, local records. Deed research will be necessary to obtain more information on the property.

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